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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD OF MOUNTING A RETAINING  
RING ON AN ELECTRIC STARTER SHAFT  
COMPRISING A STARTER DRIVE  
ASSEMBLY AND CORRESPONDING  
STARTER

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Examiner: J. M. Krause

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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A partial translation of the non-English language references is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 17170/012001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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